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UNIFORMLY SIZED AND SHAPED SHPERES  
PATENT NUMBER: 5,891,212  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

- ☒ Request for Filing a Reissue Patent Application;
- ☒ Patent Application including Specification, Claims and Abstract (Total pages 15);
- ☒ Three (3) Sheets of Informal Drawings - Figs. 1-2;
- ☒ Consent of Assignee for Application for Reissue Patent under 37 C.F.R. §1.172;
- ☒ Establishing Right of Assignee to Consent to Application for Reissue Patent under 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b);
- ☒ Offer by Assignee to Surrender Original patent under 37 C.F.R. §1.178(a);
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment; and
- ☒ Check in the amount of \$908.00 for Patent Application Filing Fee.

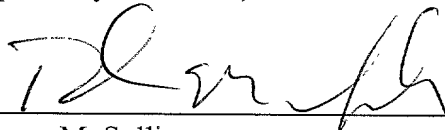
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REQUEST FOR FILING A REISSUE PATENT APPLICATION

1. This is a request for filing an application for reissue of Utility Patent No. 5,891,212. The application elements under 37 C.F.R. §1.173 are listed below.
2. ☒ Specification, Claims and Abstract (Total pages: 15).
3. ☒ Drawings: Three (3) sheets; FIGS. 1-2.  
☐ Formal  
☒ Informal
4. ☐ Reissue Oath/Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. §1.175  
☐ Original  
☐ Copy
5. ☒ Original U.S. Patent currently assigned? ☒ Yes ☐ No  
If yes, check applicable box.  
☒ Written Consent of all Assignees  
☒ Statement under 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b)
6. ☒ Offer To Surrender U.S. Patent under 37 C.F.R. §1.178
7. ☒ Statement of Status and Support For Changes to the Claims under 37 C.F.R. §1.173(c).  
(Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.173(c) incorporated in Preliminary Amendment)

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8. ☐ Original U.S. Patent for Surrender under 37 C.F.R. §1.178  
☐ Ribbioned Original Patent Grant  
☐ Statement of Loss
9. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)  
☐ Copy of IDS and PTO-1449 (\_\_\_ pages)  
☐ Copies of references cited
10. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
11. ☒ Fee Calculation

CLAIMS AS FILED					
Claims	Number Filed	Basic Fee Allowance	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee 37 C.F.R. 1.16(h) \$710.00
Total Claims in Patent (37 C.F.R. 1.16(j))	28	- 20 =	8	\$18.00	144.00
Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(i))	2	- 3 =	0	\$80.00	
SUBTOTAL:					\$854.00
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TOTAL FILING FEE:					\$854.00
CLAIMS AS AMENDED					
Claims	Claims After Amendment	Number Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present	Rate	Additional Fee 37 C.F.R. 1.16(i) & (j)
Total Claims in Patent (37 C.F.R. 1.16(j))	31	- 28 =	3	\$18.00	54.00
Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(i))	3	2 =	0	\$80.00	
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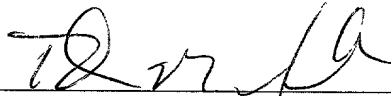
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12. ☒ A check in the amount of **\$908.00** is enclosed.
13. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge the following fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 17564-143:
- ☒ Fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16;
  - ☒ Fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17;
  - ☒ Fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.18.
14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard Enclosed.
15. ☐ Other Documents Enclosed:
- ☐ Change of Attorney Address In Application.
  - ☐ Limited Recognition under 37 C.F. § 10.9(b) for Michel Morency.

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